

REMARKS

Pending claims

Claims 1, 3, and 8 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Five (5) claims (claims 1, 3, 4, 8, and 9) remain pending to be examined in this application through this Amendment.

Claim objection

Objection of claims 3-4 and 7-9 has been overcome by the amendment of claims 3.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 3-4, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 (b) as being anticipated by Müller (US Pat. No. 6,303,687). The rejection over claim 7 is moot in view of its cancellation. For the following reasons, the Examiner's rejection over claims 1, 3-4, 8, and 9 is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as currently claimed is not anticipated by Müller, because Müller alone *does not* disclose all of the claimed elements. The invention as currently claimed does not include a crosslinkable polyurethane with vinyl groups as one of the limiting elements. As such, the examiner's assertion that "applicants fail to recognize that Müller (col. 5, line 56 to col. 6, line 67) clearly teach a polymerizable composition comprising a crosslinkable polyurethane with vinyl groups" are not valid basis for rejecting the invention as currently claimed. For this reason and reasons discussed in the Amendment B filed on December 20, 2005, the blending copolymers disclosed in Müller are different from the copolymer specified in the invention as currently claimed and Müller does not disclose all of the limitations of the invention as currently claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3-4, and 8-9 are not anticipated by Müller and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in conditions for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set-forth in the Office Action. Applicants further request consideration of claims 5-6 and 10-15 to additional species which are written in dependent form, the generic claims upon which they depend are allowable.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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